

Canadians and nature: Interacting with nature, 2013

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In 2013, 85% of Canadian households reported they lived close to a park or green space that they visited at least once during the year.

Almost three-quarters of Canadian households (72%) reported that someone in the household had participated in outdoor activities close to home. Walking was the most frequently reported activity, with 54% of households in Canada reporting this. Bicycling (22%) was another common activity reported by households.

In 2013, 18% of Canadian households engaged in unpaid activities aimed at conservation or protecting the environment or wildlife.

Note to readers

The Households and the Environment Survey asks Canadian households about their activities and behaviours with respect to the environment. It covers a wide variety of topics including water and energy consumption and conservation, hazardous products used in the home, and the household's interactions with nature. Data from the survey are used by governments to guide policies and programs, by researchers to learn more about Canadians and by individuals to see how they compare to the rest of the country.

Available in CANSIM: tables [153-0148](#) to [153-0155](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3881](#).

The fact sheets "Canadians and Nature: Parks and green spaces, 2013," "Canadians and Nature: Outdoor activities, 2013" and "Canadians and Nature: Environmental engagement, 2013" are now available in *Enviro Fact Sheets* ([16-508-X](#)), from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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